



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

re application of
FUMIO ODAKA

Appln. No.: 10/534,531

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For: SILICON CARBIDE SINTERED BODY AND
MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

Group Art Unit: 1755

Examiner: Karl E. GROUP

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2006, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the invention identified by the Examiner as Group I, i.e., claims 1-3 and 5-7, drawn to a product, while reserving the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected claims in due course.

A Petition for Extension of Time with appropriate fee accompanies this document. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all additional required fees (with the exception of the Issue/Publication Fees) to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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